

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
SURCHARGE AMENDMENTS**

2002 FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: David H. Steele**

**This act amends the Emergency Medical Services Systems Act. The act amends the emergency medical services grant program by deleting the 6% cap on the funds that may be used for administrative costs. This act provides an effective date.**

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

**26-8a-207**, as renumbered and amended by Chapter 141, Laws of Utah 1999

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **26-8a-207** is amended to read:

**26-8a-207. Emergency medical services grant program.**

(1) (a) The department shall receive as dedicated credits the amount established in Section 63-63a-3. That amount shall be transferred to the department by the Division of Finance from funds generated by the surcharge imposed under Title 63, Chapter 63a.

(b) Funds transferred to the department under this section shall be used for improvement of statewide delivery of emergency medical services and administrative costs as described in Subsection (2)(a). Appropriations to the department for the purposes enumerated in this section shall be made from those dedicated credits.

(c) All funding for the program created by this section shall be nonlapsing.

(2) (a) The department may use [~~up to 6% of~~] the funds transferred to it under Subsection (1):

(i) to provide staff support; and

(ii) for other expenses incurred in:

(A) administration of [those] grant funds[-]; and

(B) other department administrative costs under this chapter.

(b) After funding staff support, administrative expenses, and trauma system development,

the department and the committee shall make emergency medical services grants from the remaining funds received as dedicated credits under Subsection (1). A recipient of a grant under this Subsection (2)(b) must actively provide emergency medical services within the state.

(i) The department shall distribute 42-1/2% as per capita block grants for use specifically related to the provision of emergency medical services to nonprofit prehospital emergency medical services providers that are either licensed or designated and to emergency medical services that are the primary emergency medical services for a service area. The department shall determine the grant amounts by prorating available funds on a per capita basis by county as described in department rule.

(ii) The committee shall award 42-1/2% of the remaining funds as competitive grants for use specifically related to the provision of emergency medical services based upon rules established by the committee.

(iii) The committee shall use 15% of the remaining funds to fund high school emergency medical training programs.

**Section 2. Effective date.**

If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this act takes effect upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.